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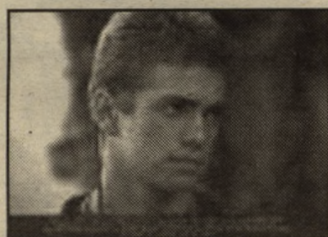
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Students caught with Marijuana

By Megan Flood
& Aimie Likens
Spectrum Editors

On Friday April 12, three SHU students were caught smoking marijuana while walking up the hill to attend the Spring concert.

Public Safety smelled the drug and questioned the three young men. Upon finding the

discarded substance in the grass, they proceeded to search the rooms of the students in West Hall, according to procedure.

In the rooms of freshmen Richard Kasten and Cornelius Sullivan they found 17 dime bags and excessive amounts of cash.

The Fairfield Police responded with their Canine Unit, which in turn located

drug paraphernalia. The two students were arrested.

The third student's room was searched but nothing was found. He was suspended for the weekend and awaits a judicial hearing.

Larry Wielk commented, "My office is waiting for final reports from FFLD Police Department and Residential Life, I expect to have all the information by Wednesday."

"Based on the excessive amounts of illegal substances found that evening, both men have been suspended pending a hearing," said Dean Wielk.

After the reports are delivered to Dean Wielk, decisions will be made as to what the students will be charged with.

Bill O'Connell, Director of Public Safety, who is away on vacation, was unable to comment on the situation.

Spring concert rocks the Pitt

By Kathleen Haughey
Staff Reporter

Friday, April 12, 2002 was the annual spring concert, of American Hi Fi and Ludacris, at Sacred Heart. The concert was scheduled to begin at 8:00 PM, however due to security complications, American Hi Fi ended up going on around 9:00.

The crowd was still being lead inside during their performance. There was a line of ticket holders outside the Pitt Center for several hours.

In past years, there has been a predominant number of non-SHU students at the concert.

However, this year the number of SHU student ticket sales increased.

Last year's 3 Doors Down concert brought only 660 SHU students and 3205 non SHU, making a total of 3865 attendees.

This year, student attendance was up with 800 students, and 1041 non SHU, a total of 1841.

Many of the students who attended

had mixed feelings about the show. William Mentz of Valhalla, NY said, "I missed American Hi-Fi because I was waiting on line."

"I didn't really mind that though, I mostly wanted to see Ludacris."

I thought that he was really good, he definitely got the crowd into it," Mentz said.

One of the few problems was the evening was that a young woman had some medical complications and had to be led out of the auditorium on a stretcher.

She was taken to St. Vincent's Medical Center.

There was full security including metal detectors and guards at the concert.

Christina Navaretta of Syosset, NY felt the security was an inconvenience.

"I wish they had told us ahead of time that we would have to remove our jewelry and belts to go through the detectors," said Navaretta.



American Hi-Fi members pose for the camera

"Ludacris was alright, but he didn't really seem like he was too into it. His exit was disappointing...he just walked off stage," she continued.

The concert came to an end at approximately 12:30 am.

Understanding the Middle East

By Diani Lumani
Contributing Writer

Students, staff and citizens entered the old gym on Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm where they were eager to gain knowledge of Middle Eastern issues of religion and terrorism. Sacred Heart University hosted this free public seminar titled: "Understanding the Middle East: History and Cultures."

The three speakers attending this event included Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding of Sacred Heart University, Reverend Monsignor Alan F. Detscher, S.L.D., director of the office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Diocese of Bridgeport and Dr. Kareem Adeed who spoke at the event is the founder, Imam, and president of the American institute for Islamic and Arabic Studies.

Dr. Kareem, the last speaker presenting for the evening greeted the audience

with the famous Islamic saying "salaam alaikum," meaning "Peace to my cousin."

"Islam doesn't believe in an eye for an eye, or a tooth for a tooth, because if that were the case, we would all be blind or have dentures," Dr. Kareem joked.

"We need leaders, not politicians, and what we are desperately lacking are good leaders," Dr. Kareem added.

What Dr. Kareem was trying to convey to the audience was that, to be a good Islamic adherent you must be a good Christian and Jew.

Reverend Detscher discussed the fact that the three monotheistic religions share more commonalities than differences.

"We all believe in the same God, Allah does not mean Islamic God, but simply 'One God' in Arabic," Reverend Detscher said.

What Reverend Detscher conveyed to his audience was that all religions are practical religions that focus on peace and unity.

They are not exotic cults or sets of political responses.

Islam respects the prophets of Judaism and Christianity, and broadly

speaking it is cut from the shared theological cloth of prophetic monotheism.

The sacred book, the Holy Quran that on first reading seems to stand in plain relation to the Old and New Testament.

There are bands of extremist who believe that to fulfill their religious duty, have to keep on killing non-believers until the non-believers are either stopped or killed.

There is no place for this in Islamic, Christian or Judaic law, nor is it justified. There is no political rhetoric that can reverse this moral law.

Thursday night's seminar discussed the "Holy land, Israeli- Palestine bombings, culture and religion in the middle east."

All intertwined one way or another if mentioned among Americans, especially people that are part of that region.

As the Reverend stated, "In order to understand another religion one must study and understand their own, and then broaden their mind to seek knowledge on others."

News Briefs

SHU e-mail information for May

Look out for instructions on transferring your email accounts and data files prior to leaving the University in May 2002. Otherwise, you risk losing your email messages and will not be able to access your current data on the new laptop.

If you are NOT currently using an IBM A22, you will need to copy your e-mail account to your local machine so that when we upgrade your email to Exchange 2000 you can still access your messages.

If you are getting a new laptop in September (currently using an IBM A20), you will need to save your data files to the network and when you receive your new laptop in September, you can transfer your files down to the new laptop.

If you are not registered for Summer or Fall 2002 by the end of the Spring semester, then you are required to return the laptop to IT by May 14th!

Call Leslie Roggen at 371-7796 with any questions you may have.

New contact info to get in touch with Graduate Assistants

No one will be using the Pager to get in touch with any Graduate Assistant in Student Activities that is on Duty.

A cell phone will instead be used. If you need the Graduate Assistant in Activities on duty please call 556-7836.

Learn about promoting literacy in Haiti

The Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in collaboration with Haiti Lumiere de Demain is presenting their findings from a recent trip to the island of La Gonave tonight at 8pm in the Pitt Center Board Room.

Here people can learn more about a pilot project which has been set up to promote literacy among children in Haiti and how to get involved to help provide hope for Haitian children.

A Tribute To The Tony Awards

A Tribute to the Tony Awards will take place tonight, and Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm in the Theater.

This weekend is also Siblings weekend and any siblings wanting to see the show twice may sign their first ticket, bring it back the second night with an ID and get in free.

All Seats are Reserved, to order tickets call the Box office - at 374-2777.

You may pay for them when you pick them up the night of the show. The costs are: Students with SHU ID - \$3; Faculty, staff, admin. - \$5; General Public - \$10.

Attention Seniors--SENIOR WEEK UPDATES

Mandatory meetings

Students must attend one of the mandatory meetings which are 2, 4 and 5pm on May 15th, in order to pick up tickets and be allowed to participate in senior week. There will be no exceptions!

Tickets go on sale tomorrow at 11am

There are a limited amount of tickets which will be sold on a first-come, first serve basis. The tickets will be on sale at 11am in FLIK.

Remembering September 11

By Lucie Davis
Staff Reporter

On April 11, Sacred Heart University's Student Government, in collaboration with Fairfield University's Student Government, planted trees side by side behind Fairfield's Town Hall to represent new hope and growth in the rebuilding of American soil, in memory of September 11.

Both Universities approached the town of Fairfield, shortly after America's tragedy, wondering how to mark student and faculties' concern, while giving back to the community. Students decided to donate two trees on either side of a bench located behind the Fairfield Town Hall.



The tree planting took place behind the Fairfield Town Hall.

A ceremony took place at 5 pm amongst the newly planted trees. A colorguard, Sacred Heart University's Pioneer Band members, and police representing the town of Fairfield, lined the front as a second year student from Fairfield led the participants in the national anthem. Speakers included Dr. Forget on behalf of Sacred Heart and Fr. Allen representing Fairfield University.

After reflections by all speakers, Fr. Allen of Fairfield and Sacred Heart's Fr. Gustavo blessed each school's tree. Student Government Presidents, Tom Pesce for Sacred Heart and Joe Piagantino from Fairfield both cut the ribbon binding both trees together.

Pesce informed the crowd that this was the second time in history when Sacred Heart and

Fairfield had worked together on a project and spoke of hopes to work together again in the future.

"Through every death there is a resurrection, through every evil can come a greater good. I truly believe this," said Pesce, a junior from Ridgefield.

"Through such an unfortunate disaster Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University have come together to honor all the lives lost on September 11th, I know it will be the beginning of a long and strong relationship between the two schools.

"The two trees growing towards the heavens symbolize the both brother universities as the pillars of our community and serve as a symbol of our great nations' unity," said Pesce.

Sacred Heart University student government was represented by many members. Carrin David, Senator for the Class of 2004 from Teaneck, NJ said, "It was one of the most moving tributes I have been to. The Student Governments of SHU and FU did a great job!"

Gary Turco, Senator for the Class of 2003 from Yonkers, NY thought that, "I think it was great that SHU and FU worked together to plan such a beautiful event. I hope to see both universities work more together in the future to better the community."

"I was touched by the ceremony- SHU students really showed their support," reflected Jennette MacLachlan, junior class senator from Tinton Falls, NJ.

Digging for the environment

By Gina Cuccurullo
Contributing Writer

On Friday, April 12th, members of Parkridge Hall Council, the Inter-Resident Council (IRC), Sigma Delta Chi and the Society and Environmental Club were digging holes behind J- Hill and near the Pitt Center.

Under the direction of Dr. Grant Walker from the Sociology department and Dr. Jennifer Mattei from Biology, the four groups have been work-

ing to help increase the plant life on campus.

With the permission of Mike Giaquinto of Buildings and Grounds, holes were dug in the SHU Meadow, which is located behind the J- Hill parking lot, and on the hill leading up the Pitt Center.

The goal of this project is not only to help beautify the campus but also to help increase the diversity of birds and other wildlife at SHU as well as prevent erosion.

Several species of trees and wildflowers will be planted on May 3 as well.



photo by Ryan Greenfield

SHU community cleaning the environment.

Banging away: Habitat builds sheds in Habifest

By Laurie Nagy
Staff Reporter

On the patio outside of FLIK last Wednesday and Thursday, Sacred Heart's Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter was participating for the first time in the national event, Habifest.

Habifest is a national program for chapters of Habitat for Humanity. It becomes a day to raise awareness of housing issues and the Habitat for Humanity Program. At Sacred Heart, the program included building two tool sheds.

The campus chapter worked with Groundwork Bridgeport with support from General Electric to put on the two

day event. Groundwork Bridgeport works with landscaping issues in Bridgeport and is working toward helping Habitat homeowners learn to take better care of their yards.

As new homeowners, many have kept lawnmowers as well as gasoline in their basements because of lack of space. When a Habitat home is built, a garage is not included as to lower costs. Storing a lawnmower in the basement of a home is a safety issue and homeowners need to be aware of the issue.

By building tool sheds, this allows for the homeowners to have an area to store lawnmowers, gasoline, and lawn tools. Sacred Heart was the first in the area to build such tool sheds, and will hopefully become a prototype for future use. Megan Houlihan, a member of the

Sacred Heart Chapter, said of Habifest, "it was a great day to increase membership and the skill level of the chapter."

The campus chapter did not only build the two sheds, but were also able to collect donations and sell Habitat merchandise to raise money for the cause. The chapter was able to raise \$730, more than a hundred dollars over their goal.

The chapter was happy with the event calling it a success. Phyllis Machledt, advisor for the campus chapter, described the day that was filled with "a wonderful spirit and good feeling."

"We were all dirty and tired, but



contributed photo

Greg Haney, Dan Geiger, and Oomar Syed building a shed in Habifest.

worked together to accomplish something," Machledt said.

The chapter would like to thank all the faculty, staff, and students that helped to make the days a success.

SHUSIFE wins regional championship

By Aimie Likens
Copy Editor

On Tuesday, April 9 the Sacred Heart University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Team brought home the honor of Regional Champion for the second year in a row.

The SHUSIFE team competed in the Students in Free Enterprise Regional Competition held in Hartford, one of 21 cities nationwide hosting the competitions.

Each of the 20 school teams' 24-minute multi-media presentations were judged by a panel of prominent business leaders who determined how well the students taught others the principles of free enterprise.

Some of the official judging criteria include utilizing the mass media and the Internet, communicating their program through their written annual report and verbal presentation,

and demonstrating how free markets work in the global economy.

SHUSIFE was in a league with competitors such as Maine Maritime Academy, Boston College, Siena, and Manhattan College.

In their second year of existence, the team is comprised of a diverse group of students from all disciplines who take what they're learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to better the community through free enterprise educational outreach projects.

Amy Zanolungo, a senior from Derby, CT who is also SHUSIFE project manager and Business Advisory Board Representative states, "SHUSIFE has a lot to be proud of this year.

"We exceeded all our rookie year accomplishments, and have focused on making an overall awareness of what SHUSIFE is about, and the great

things that we have done. The team is looking forward to the competition in Kansas City," Zanolungo said.

As a result of their win, the SHUSIFE Regional Champions will advance to national competition at the 2002 SIFE USA National Exposition, sponsored by the Kansas City Business Community, May 12-14 in Missouri.

Tracy Liuzzo, a junior from Fairfield, and SHUSIFE President explains that, "last year, our rookie year, we went to Nationals not knowing what to expect.

"We succeeded there when we won Rookie of the Year on the National level. This year, we have strong projects, strong presenters, and a strong audio/visual presentation.

"We feel confident going into Nationals, as the team was exceptional at the Regional Competition, and we really 'wow'ed the judges and our competition," Liuzzo said.

Public Safety Releases

04/02/02 - 3:00 pm- Larceny was reported at East Hall when a staff member reported money was stolen from a safe. Bridgeport Police was called.

8:14 pm - Suspicious Activity was reported off campus. A Res. Life staff member reported there was an intoxicated male walking on Park Ave towards campus. Officers responded and requested Bridgeport Police and AMR Ambulance to be called. AMR Ambulance transported the male to the hospital.

9:01 pm - Vandalism was reported in South Hall. A room door handle had been broken.

10:56 pm - Hazardous Conditions were reported in the Main Building. An officer reported a chemical odor in the science wing, which caused him to experience difficulty breathing. Fairfield Fire and AMR Ambulance were called. Chemistry/Biology staff and B&G were notified. FFLD Fire Dept. contacted the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection. Officer was transported to the hospital via ambulance. A cleaning agent was the cause of the odor.

04/03/02 - 9:32 am - Vandalism was reported in South Hall. A room door lock was damaged.

9:35 am - Vandalism was reported in South Hall. A room door lock was damaged.

9:43 am - A miscellaneous event was reported in the Mail Room when a faculty member reported she received a suspicious envelope in the mail. Public Safety investigated and found the envelope posed no threat.

4:00 pm - A Fire Alarm was reported in the Main Building. The alarm was activated due to a dirty smoke detector.

5:35 pm - A Fire Alarm was reported in South Hall. The alarm was activated in the kitchen by burnt food. Fairfield Fire Dept. was called.

04/04/02 - 12:32 am- Vandalism was reported in the Main Building. An officer observed broken glass in the door to a classroom.

2:35 pm - A Medical Injury was reported in the Main Building when a staff member dropped a box on his foot.

5:40 pm - Larceny was reported at the Jefferson Hill Parking Lot when a metal bar was stolen from the rear bed of a pickup.

10:16 pm - A Hazardous Condition was reported at the Pitt Center when a syringe was found in a locker room.

10:32 pm - A Fire Alarm was reported in the Main Building. The alarm caused by a smoke machine used during an event.

11:51 pm - A Fire Alarm was reported in West Hall. A pull station was activated maliciously.

04/09/02 - 2:41 pm - A Fire Alarm was reported in the Main Building. Alarm activated due to a dirty smoke detector.

6:00 pm - A Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run was reported in the North Parking Lot. A student reported his vehicle was hit while parked. Fairfield Police was called.

6:42 pm - Disorderly Conduct was reported in the Schine Auditorium when a student became disorderly during the housing selection. Public Safety Officer escorted him out of the bldg.

9:21 pm - A Medical Injury was reported at the Pitt Center. A student was injured during karate practice. He declined medical assistance.

9:25 pm - Disorderly Conduct was reported at Taft Commons Residents became disorderly due to their vehicles being towed. Bridgeport Police was called.

04/10/02 - 5:31 am - A Burglary was reported in West Hall. A resident reported someone entered her room while she was sleeping. Nothing was taken. Her room door was not secured.

9:40 am - A larceny was reported at West Hall. A resident reported video games stolen from his room.

10:21 am - A miscellaneous event was reported in the Main Building. A light fixture had blown and caused an odor.

12:31 pm - A vandalism was reported in the Main Building. Someone wrote on a men's bathroom wall.

4:41 pm - Threatening Telephone Calls were reported at East Hall. A Flik employee reported she has been receiving harassing telephone calls.


6:34 pm - Vandalism was reported in South Hall. A room door handle was broken.

8:07 pm - A Medical Injury was reported at the Rear of West Hall. Resident was injured while playing basketball. A friend transported him to the hospital.

04/11/02 - 1:14 am - A Vandalism was reported at Jefferson Hill. The glass from a display case was broken.

3:16 am - A Vandalism was reported off campus when a motor vehicle window was broken. Bridgeport Police was called.

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First Union and Wachovia Merge

By Kerry Freel
News Editor

The First Union Corporation, the Bank whose ATM SHU carries, has officially merged with the Wachovia Corporation.

The major change for SHU will be the new symbol on the ATM, across from the SHU Marketplace, by the end of 2003.

People with First Union ATM accounts received pamphlets explaining the merger. The packet mentions that the transition from First Union to Wachovia will take place over more than two years.

The two corporations have already merged, but changes in the signs, paperwork, and accounts will occur over a long period of time, with an expected

completion date set in late 2003.

People who currently have First Union accounts may now withdraw from any First Union or Wachovia ATM without being charged any service fees. Deposits and transfers, however, should still be executed at the bank where the account was opened.

Everyone can continue to use their present ATM cards and checks.

The information account holders received informs ATM card holders that most account numbers will not need to be changed and many fees will go up or down slightly.

The official name of the parent company is now the Wachovia Corporation. The Wachovia name, pronounced wa-KO-vee-yah, comes from a piece of land in North Carolina near the Danube River named this by emi-



This Wachovia symbol will replace First Union's.

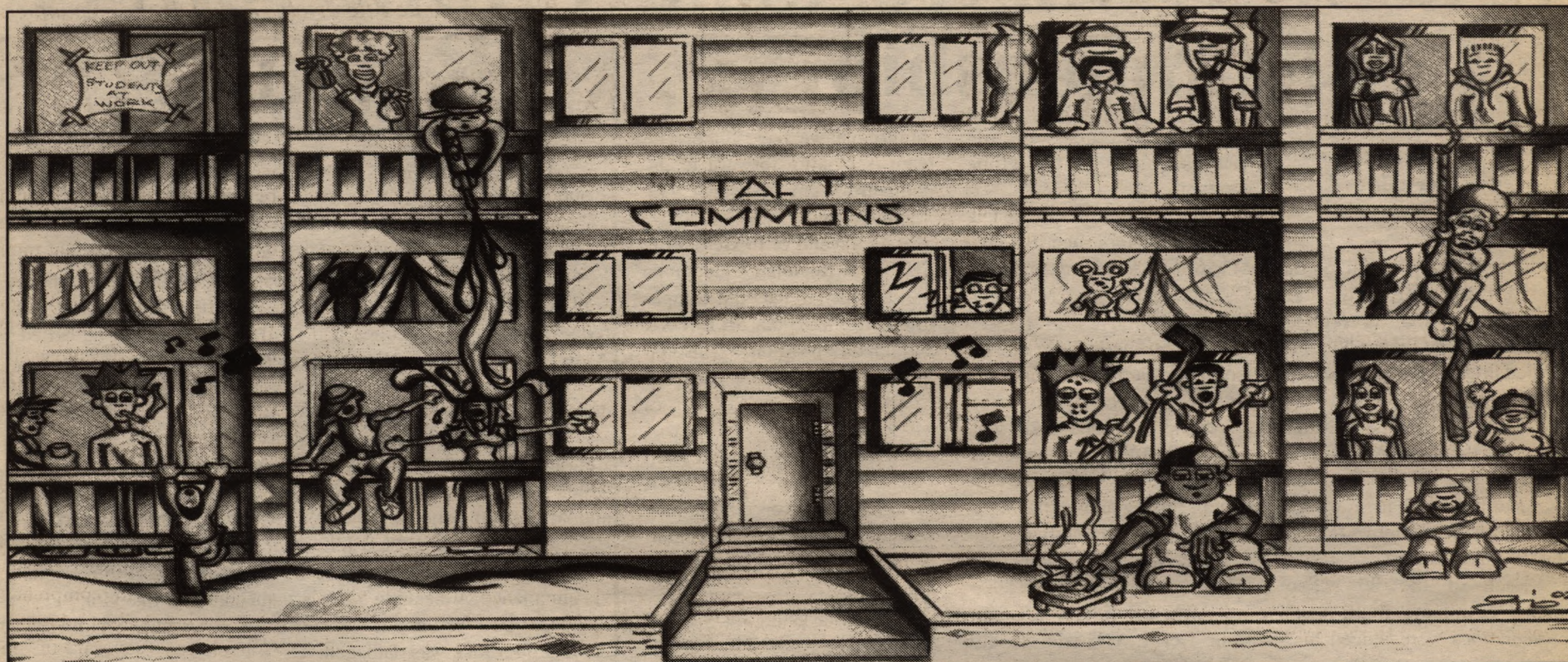
grants from Eastern Europe.

These people founded a Wachovia Bank in 1879 and the name has remained since. Wachovia is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina and is the fourth largest bank holding company in the United States according to the information packet.

Anyone interested in more information can call 1-866-203-5722 or log on to www.firstunion.com

Chillin AT SHU

by GIOVANNI DIAZ



Whether we're on the top or the bottom, we always know how to have fun!

Editorials

By Jennifer Simeonidis
Assistant Editor

A few short weeks ago one of my classes was asked to serve a unique purpose. We were asked to sit in on an interview for a potential teaching candidate. The prospective professor was to teach a mock class and be observed by several professors who hold positions in the department. Depending upon their evaluation of her and of her teaching abilities she would, or would not, be offered a position here for the fall semester. My class was asked to

attend because our professor would be one of several observing the woman.

I was excited at the prospect of having some input into the selection process. I think it is a wonderful idea to involve students in this as we are the people who will be most affected by the hiring of a new teacher. Who better to ask than the very people who will be signing up for this professor's classes? We certainly know better than anyone else how our peers will respond to the teaching style, etc. of this person.

I entered the interview with an open mind, excited at the opportunity. I watched

while this woman attempted to complete her teaching objectives. I was there when she tried to get the class involved and participating. I saw the entire process. After she was done and had left, my professor asked us what we thought about her and her ability to teach here.

No one in the class had any positive statements to make on the woman's behalf. Everyone made the same criticisms: she spoke in a monotone, was boring, and didn't really accomplish what she was trying to. The list went on and on. Obviously, some concerns were more valid than others, but over all everyone felt the same. My

professor then took a hand count of everyone who would hire this woman for a teaching position. Not one hand went up, not one.

Last week in class we were talking again about her interview, and my professor told us that he thought she had been hired. I was outraged and shocked, as were several other people in my class. No one had thought she would make a good professor here. Even my professor said he had been off-task and bored the whole presentation.

I realize that the school is in a hiring frenzy right now because of all the teachers leaving on sabbatical and all the other departments which have

been short staffed for much longer, but I am saddened to think this means we will hire just about anyone. In my opinion, and that of my peers and professor, this woman was completely unqualified. As someone who is planning on becoming an educator, I would never want her to be teaching anyone I knew. I was under the impression that Sacred Heart University was trying to raise their standards, both for students and for professors. Now, however, I think I may have been mistaken. Maybe I'll apply for a job here in May... clearly I'm qualified.

*What do you have to say
about the school?*

*Give us your thoughts on
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All that jazz! FLIK- A Blatant Rip Off

Tonight the curtain opens at 7:30 for a spectacle never before seen at SHU. The SHU Show Choir presents a Tribute to the Tony's. The show will run until Saturday in the theater and will be sure to impress all who attend. Between the lights, music and dancing Sacred Heart has really brought Broadway home. This year the group has included numbers from Tony award winning shows from the works of many great writers. Those shows include 42nd Street, Cabaret, A Chorus Line, Phantom of the Opera and many more.

The group has been working since September to become the cohesive group that will be presented to the audience. This year's show is a few steps above the shows that have previously been put on by the group. In two years the performers have grown into the highest caliber the University has ever seen. These shows will surely dazzle anyone who comes to watch. Tickets will be available at the door \$3 with a SHU ID, \$5 for Senior Citizens, faculty or staff member, and \$10 general admission. Special for Siblings Weekend- any sibling of a SHU student gets in for the student price. The group hopes to pack the house, but remember that there are only three performances for the show. It is suggested that you arrive at 7:00 to get the best seats in the house. Curtain goes up at 7:30.

Bill Woodruff & Elaine Fitzmaurice.

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By: Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

When you walk into FLIK to get a meal on the average day, you load your plate with your choice decisions and simply swipe your meal card. It sounds straightforward and pretty convenient for most outsiders who haven't had the experience of dining on a regular basis within our community. However, for most of us who know the darker side of FLIK see it for what it is, a nightmarish rip off.

At the beginning of each semester, we as students are required to make a decision about what meal plan best suits our needs. The different plans, strategically labeled bronze, silver, gold and platinum as if you're winning some sort of Olympic contest, seem reasonable enough despite being moderately pricey. That is until FLIK takes its sizable chunk merely to heat their ovens.

Does this not seem outrageous to you? When have you ever gone to a Red Lobster and noticed an additional price on the bill for the use of their ovens? I thought that this service was inclusive within the prices which you are charged as a patron. Why should FLIK be any exception to the rule? Merely because they are a campus caterer?

Sacred Heart Senior Scott Grimo (Bristol, RI) who was more than surprised about this little known facet of FLIK's

operation had a little to say. "With the amount of money that they charge for sandwiches and entrées they shouldn't even consider taking out money to heat their ovens."

How true. Almost every day I take the extra second to witness exactly how much is being charged from my card. It wouldn't be a stretch to state that my dinners regularly register at about 10 to 12 dollars. You can get a decent steak or seafood dish for that amount at any regular to high-class restaurant, and you can eat it with real silverware!

From a business standpoint, you have to appreciate FLIK's intuition and cunning. Hey! If we use a meal card system, students won't even realize how much they are spending! It's amazing how often I see students lending their cards without a second thought to peers who simply forgot to purchase a plan. If their friends were asking for a handout in cash I am convinced it would be a completely different story. There is something to be said about the physicality of money.

"Flik thinks they can just get away with prices like that because most of us don't pay with paper money, it doesn't seem like a lot when you are just swiping a plastic card," said SHU Senior Jonny Londin (Southington, CT.)

Recently I went to FLIK East with the intention of purchasing some soda for my J-Hill apartment. When I saw the offensive price of \$7.99 for a

twelve pack of Coke, I quickly changed my mind. On the worst day at Stop & Shop you might see a price any higher than four dollars, a stress on the might. What justification does FLIK have for their ridiculous 100 percent price inflation? None! It is a case of greed gone wild.

Shall I even begin to delve into the fact that FLIK thinks it's reasonable to keep the remaining balances of students following the spring semester? I can't begin to comprehend how much this must add up to. Considering several of my friends had better than a couple hundred dollars which they unfortunately lost to the greedy, self indulgent fingers of upper management.

On the Sacred Heart Campus FLIK has an undeniable monopoly which has undoubtedly led them to believe no one will contest their policies, a conviction that we as students will have to work together to eliminate.

FLIK may argue that this is not the case because students can go off campus to purchase their food. For some upper-classmen this may be true, but for most Freshmen and Sophomores who don't have a car on campus, to expect them to take the shuttle to the mall or Stop & Shop on a regular basis is a ludicrous and unrealistic notion. For these students, there is just no other choice. It's either FLIK, or stay hungry.

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Features

Internship at MTV: Priceless

By Erin Demchak
Features Correspondent

When someone tells you that you can do anything you put your mind to, they're right! Determination and taking chances are key factors that can get you places you thought you could only dream of. Interning is one path that can lead you to your dream, or at least your dream job. It is extremely important as a college student to intern at a company that offers the types of careers you want to pursue after you graduate.

As a Media Studies major, I wanted to intern at either a magazine or a television studio. I set my sights high and decided to take a chance and apply at MTV in New York City. It has been a dream of mine to work there and I thought I might as well give it a try. I faxed my resume to the Intern Supervisor and less than a week later she called me in for an interview. It all seemed so simple: I met with her for a laid back meeting, talked about myself and the classes I was taking, and the next thing I knew, I was hired. As easy as I thought it

was, I later learned that out of the hundreds of students to apply for the spring internship, only 50 were accepted. I was now an intern in the production department at MTV. My determination paid off and I was proud of my accomplishment. I was so excited and anxious to start working.

I would be working three times a week from 10:00 until 7:00, which gets expensive because of the commute, but it's MTV so I was willing to find a way to make it work. On my first day of work, I had no idea what tasks were waiting for me or who I would be working for. I couldn't wait to start learning all of the aspects of the network and experiencing the different departments.

I was overwhelmed at first because of all the things I had to learn how to do and all the people I was meeting. I had to do so much and soon realized how dependent the staff is on their interns. Whether it was dubbing tapes, running around the city getting props, picking up tapes at the library, or helping out in

the studio, I was always doing something that was important.

My favorite thing about the internship is working in the studio. It's a crazy and exciting environment that changes daily. At first when I saw a celebrity I got all flustered and couldn't

pass each other and say hello like co-workers would. You get to know what they are really like opposed to what they seem to be like on TV.

When I was working on TRL one day, I had to bring a prop out to Carson on air. During the commercial break I was hanging out backstage with Carson and Kylie Minogue. Another day, I was in the same room as Pauly Shore, Faith Evans, and P. Diddy, not to mention that I literally "ran into" P. Diddy again later that month.

Working in the studio also consists of ordering food and setting up the Green room. I had to pick up a special ordered salad for NAS one day that he didn't even end up eating.

The other day Lil' Bow Wow was in front of me going up the escalator, and Shakira walked past me in the studio. Just last week, while sitting at the computer, Christina Applegate, Samuel L. Jackson, and Cameron Diaz walked by and smiled at me. Not the normal occurrences that would happen at most jobs.

I still have a few weeks left of the semester, which means a few more weeks of work and

"It's a crazy and exciting environment that changes daily."
-Erin Demchak, MTV intern



The MTV logo is something that most Americans recognize immediately.

believe that they were "hanging out" in the same place as me. but now it is such an everyday thing that I don't even care sometimes. They are all there to do their jobs, like me, they just happen to be famous.

Seeing the VJ's like Brian McFayden, Quddus, and Carson Daly occur so often that we just

many interesting stories. It still seems surreal to me everytime I walk into the Viacom building in Times Square as an employee. I can't believe I work here! But I do work there, and I am so proud to say that because of the dedication to my dream I made it happen. I knew where I wanted to intern, took a chance at it, and actually accomplished my goal.

Merhaba: hello and welcome

By Diana Lumani
Staff Writer

As we reach the closing stages of the spring semester students become eager hunting for hot spots to travel to during the hot summer months off. A great destination would be Turkey. Not only is it very affordable to travel to Turkey but dining out, bar and lounge hopping from city to city and various other activities are very inexpensive, not to mention the minimum purchasing and drinking age of alcohol is only 18.

Stereotypical images of Turkey are usually of bazaar stalls filled with brightly colored cloth and ostentatious jewels or perhaps of harems in sumptuous palaces filled with veiled belly dancers, accompanied by insistent, hypnotic music.

With 10 millennia of history, Turkey is where East and West literally meet. Turkey is simply an exotic country that conjured up hazy associations



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The Ritz Carlton is a lovely location for those traveling to Turkey.

with Kublah Khan, the ancient Silk Route and a Muslim way of life. It is a country with multiple identities, poised uneasily between the East and West. On the western side of the Bosphorous Strait, Istanbul is physically a part of Europe; on the eastern side lie the vast and

exotic lands that form the Middle East and central Asian landmass. Turkey has taken something from both of these continents. Its coastline is typically Mediterranean, with pretty white villages and tourist resorts. But inland, and in its cities, the strong Islamic culture

and desert landscapes give it a certain eastern feel.

Western Turkey is the most vacationed and economically developed part of the country. Istanbul, straddling the Bosphorous straits and the Marmara coast, is a heady mix of the Oriental and state-of-the-art modern. The country's cultural and commercial center, it is also still visibly that old imperial capital, and would take months of exploration to truly do justice.

Flanking it on opposite sides of the Sea of Marmara are the two earlier Ottoman capitals, Bursa and Edirne, and, just beyond, the Dardanelles, with the World War I battlefields to the north.

Further along, Antalya is one of Turkey's fastest-growing cities, a sprawling place that is the best starting point on the stretch of shoreline that reaches as far as the Syrian border, with extensive sands and archeological sites- most notably at Perge and Aspendos.

Further North, Ankara, Turkey's political capital, is a planned city whose contrived Western feel gives some indication of the priorities of the modern Turkish Republic. Ankara, is the home to universities and gar-

Turkey offers everything from the Mediterranean to Eastern Islamic Culture

dens. Ankara Castle and the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey, are also here.

To get off the road of insightful ancient times touring, we should take a deeper look at

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friendship

(spoken on behalf of honesty
with a few apologies)

By Brandon M. Graham

*a friend is nothing more
than a well painted picture
on a fictitious canvas
reflecting a falsehood
misplaced in reality
carefully hung on the walls
in the gallery of my insecurities
with the hope of being mistaken
or appreciated for true or authentic art
friendship is faith without religion*

a friend is this and so much more...

*a friend is an imposter compiled solely
of good intentions
void of any real action
who masquerades around
in garments of truth
speaking fiery words of compassion
mother should have warfined me
against the nature of those
who embody the disposition of Claudius
pouring in mine ear
the poison of false admiration
and singing aloud
chords of duplicitous praise
with the hope of stirring up emotion
while presenting an illusory sense
of camaraderie and of brotherhood
friendship is a cancer without healing*

a friend is this and so much more...

*a friend is a master of slave morality
an oppressor of
childhood dreams,
adolescent aspirations,
and adulthood realities
and can most aptly be identified
by their use of phrases like
"i'm sorry" and "i'm just",
which holistically come together
to formulate my all time favorite phrase:*

*"i'm sorry and i wish i could
help u but i'm just doing my job"*

friendship is a most terrible thing

*a friend are these things
and nothing more [period]*

Will work for summer

By Romy Sarrazin
Staff Writer

75 dollars an hour, 4 days a week, 10 - 1 PM, summer position, college students welcome. Doesn't that sound like the ideal summer job description? Sorry to burst your bubble but this isn't an ad for a real summer job, if you are still on a search for your ideal summer position don't worry you can still find the one that you are looking for.

Looking through newspaper ads, on the Internet, or right here on Sacred Heart's campus you can find the summer job or internship that is right for you. Simply take a brief walk up the hill to Curtis hall and step right into the Career Development office. There the help to get a summer job is at the tip of your hand or well at the touch of some keys on the keyboard.

The Career Development office has really simplified the process of finding jobs for Sacred Heart students. However "students need to start the job search for summer jobs and internships right after Christmas break if they want to get the best jobs," reports Lucy Cox, Assistant Director of Career Development. Cox added that students can easily start the job search process by logging onto the job search web site www.sacredheart.jobdirect.com. When the student arrives at the site there are just three steps.

The first consists of inputting your contact information. Next, you can fill out your search parameter (meaning if

you want to work full/part time, if you want an internship that's paid, information of that nature). Then the final step is to have your resume uploaded for approval. After these three steps have been completed you are

"It's not too late to get a good summer job," said Lucy Cox of Career Services

now on your way to searching for a job in Paris, Spain, California, or Connecticut.

There are still may job opportunities for students in the Connecticut and New York areas.

Alderman and Alderman a law firm are looking for assistants for both their Hartford, and New York offices for the summer. Their web site address is www.connix.com/alderman/job.htm.

The View is also hiring interns in the New York area. Apply by mailing a copy of your resume to 'The View' 320 West 66th Street, New York, NY 10023.

People's Bank is currently hiring for summer positions in their Fairfield County offices, log onto their web site at

www.peoplesbank.com and fill out the application.

If you are aspiring to be a teacher Stepping Stone Museum is currently searching for summer positions. The museum is located at Mathews Park 303 West Avenue Norwalk, CT 06850 or you can call (203) 899-0606.

The Career Development center can help students find jobs all over the country or even on a different continent. Cox added that students should follow a guideline for the job search. The summer between freshmen and sophomore year students should try getting summer jobs in fields that they like. It's acceptable to work at Dairy Queen or a small place with customers if that's what you like. "This will give you a feel for what you like and don't like," Cox stated. The summer between sophomore and junior year students should start to acquire relative work experience and start building up work experience.

Following these tips can allow students to apply the skills that they are learning in the classroom to the real world. This guideline can allow more options for students when they graduate from Sacred Heart.

"It's not too late to get a good summer job," Cox said, "Students need to simply walk up the hill and we can help them access jobs anywhere on the net."

The weather is great and if you take that short walk up the hill, it could change your whole summer and perhaps the career beyond.

Talking Turkey

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what the nightlife of Bodrum, a charming and fascinating little port, 270 km. south of Izmir, on the Aegean coast of Turkey, has to offer for all the young energetic college students. Even Turks will rank Bodrum after Istanbul as the second best city. Bodrum probably has more bars per area than other places in Turkey, appealing to all tastes. Among them are intimate seaside cafes with magnificent views of the illuminated castle. There are also jazz bars, other live-music bars, and several popular small dancing bars with comfortable seating for non-dancers and well-insulated disco bars located outside the cities center.

Tattooing is just one of the many things you can find on the streets of Bodrum. Music is another. In fact, there's so much music that you'll feel as if your ears are about to burst. And no wonder, when the street is lined



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with pubs and clubs, it's the perfect place for a pub-crawl - I'm assuming this is the very reason why so many English tourists come year after year; their most favorite sport alongside football being drinking beer.

During this exquisite expedition students will gain an intimate view of the culture, religion, archaeology and history of Turkey and the Turkish people, and explore both well-known and

seldom-visited ancient cities.

Turkey offers much, much more. This country can truly lay claim to the title "Crossroads of Civilization," as nine major ones (Hittite, Urartian, Phrygian, Persian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman Turk) have passed through and left their mark. From each of these cultures, magnificent ancient sites remain.



A&E

Arts & Entertainment

Who will be 'king' of the summer box office?

By John J. Ruggiero
A & E Editor

It's that time again where the clothes you're wearing go from long sleeved and pants to shorts and a tee. It's that time again where you can open your bedroom window to catch a nice spring breeze.

But now that springs in full swing, the summer is

right around the corner, which in turn means the summer movies are about to set sail. Starting this Friday with the Rock's "Scorpion King", the summer movie competition is ready seriously heat up.

Here's a list that, yes, includes the "Scorpion King", of the top ten buzz worthy films that will sizzle the silver screen and empty your wallet this summer.

The Top Ten Summer Films of 2002

10. (tie) Minority Report and Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood - The "Minority Report" stars Tom Cruise and is directed by Steven Spielberg. That alone will almost ensure a decent showing in box offices.

"Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" on the other hand is considered a sleeper film this summer. The screen play comes from a best selling novel by Rebecca Wells and stars two of the screen's hottest actresses, Sandra Bullock and Ashley Judd. With that said, these divine sisters should score a winner. The "Minority Report" opens on June 28 and "The Divine Secrets...." opens on July 12.

9. Insomnia - The film "Insomnia" stars big screen legend Al Pacino in a crime filled suspense thriller from the mastermind of "Memento", wizard Chris Nolan.

Once again, another film with sleeper hit written all over it. "Insomnia" opens May 24.

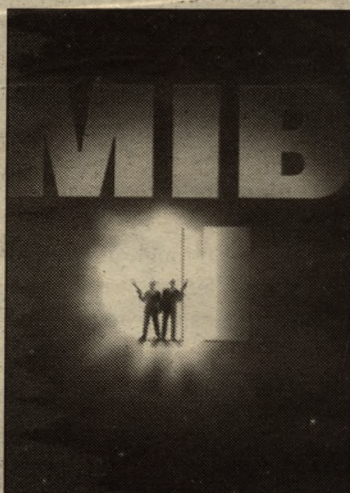
8. XXX - "XXX" comes from Rob Cohen, the director of the "Fast and the Furious" and also stars the up and coming superstar Vin Diesel. "XXX" will try and relive past success from the "Fast and the Furious" which would in return make "XXX" a major success as well. Time will tell, well actually, we'll find out on August 2nd.

7. Scooby Doo - Zoinks, you can almost here them now. Scooby Doo fans around the world chanting his name while waiting for the film to debut on June 14th.

The cartoon cult classic hits the silver screen with real life humans playing the part, while an animated (or computer animated) Scooby makes for an interesting match. Regardless, we all saw what happened to Rocky and Bullwinkle, let's all just hope we don't have to put Scooby to sleep just yet?

6. Signs - A new extraterrestrial film from the closest thing to an alien, M. Night Shyamalan. Shyamalan hits us with the bizarre world of corn fields in cow country that are inhabited by the signs of outsiders. Trying to bank on the success of the "Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable", Shyamalan casts Mel Gibson to play his new lead male character.

"Signs" is half as good as its trailer we might all have a tough time as of August 2nd not believing in the unknown.



5. Spiderman - Just what we needed another comic character to hit the big screen. I apologize because I'm a Mighty Mouse fan. But anyway, "Spiderman" should be a major hit come May 3rd. Probably only a handful of films have the ability to top 70 million in its first weekend of release this summer, Tobey Maguire as Spiderman is one of them.

4. Scorpion King - Remember how I just said there are a handful of films that have the potential of topping 70 million dollars its first weekend of release? Well, this is also one of them. The Rock, aka D'Wyane Johnson is an icon in the world of professional wrestling, but with his smile, charm, good looks and personality he has established himself as the first true athlete to cross over into Hollywood superstardom. Yes, he's a bonifide superstar, and yes, no one has ever been more of a success, and on top of that at such a young age, as the Rock has accomplished.

If this film does what it's set out to do; bank on movie fans, Rock fans, and wrestling fans to go see it.

There's a major possibility that the "Scorpion King" can be one of the true blockbusters of the year and give birth to a world phenom, not just a wrestling phenom, the Rock.

3. Men In Black 2 - After all that we just peaked into the top three. On July 3rd "Men In Black 2" will star once again screen favorites Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. After the major success of the first "Men in Black" the second is sure to be just as successful. Remember, sequels are sometimes not as good as the original, but after last year with the unquestionable success of films like "American Pie 2" and "Rush Hour 2" you can almost surely take it to the bank that "Men In Black 2" will not disappoint.

2. Austin Powers in Goldmember - It kills me to not make Austin Powers number one just because Myers' films are never a disappointment, not to mention you will not find a bigger Mike Myers fan than me. But two words makes Goldmember number 2: 'Star Wars'. Austin powers will be a huge success and Mike Myers will play four characters in this new one. Let's count: there's Fat Bastard, Austin Powers, Dr. Evil, and now a new villain, Goldmember. And look out for Powers' new love interest, Ms. Bootylicious herself, Destiny's Child Beyonce Knowles. The buzz is there and on July 26th Goldmember will take center stage.

1. Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones - As of early January there were already two die hard fans from Seattle, Washington that were waiting in line for the first two tickets for "Stars Wars: Episode II". Now I'm not saying just waiting in line and pre-ordering tickets, I'm talking about sleeping out in front of the cinema for five months until the film debuts. Just that tells you how big this is, just how much of a cult following Star Wars has. On May 16th fans do not have to wait any longer because the newest film from George Lucas will finally be released.

Let the summer rush (and spending) begin!

Ludacris 'Disturbs tha Peace' at SHU

By **Brandon M. Graham**
Contributing Writer

If you hadn't heard of Ludacris last year just turn on any TV station this year and you'll be sure to find out plenty about the tongue-twisting lyricist. MTV has been extremely pivotal in the amount of exposure the talented 24-year rapper has received over the past few months.

Chris Bridges as he is known as on driver's license by was also featured on the celebrity edition of MTV's new, racy dating show, *Dismissed* where he made the unconventionally choice to keep not one but both of the lovely ladies contending to be courted by Ludacris.

When I questioned him about this specific episode and the aftermath that followed, the humorous and witty rhymester just sat back in his chair, chuckled, and then replied, "That was a very, very unique experience. Enough said about that."

Perhaps another very unique experience is being afforded the opportunity of working with Jermaine Dupri.

"I love working with JD. He is so creative. He's actually one of the people I look up to because he's been in the game (hip-hop) for 10 strong years. He inspires me," says Ludacris.

After the Atlanta based hip-hop artist independently sold an astonishing 61,000 copies of his debut album, *Incognegro*, he has since become the first artist signed by legendary rapper Scarface, to the sub Mason-

Dixon-Line branch of Def Jam known as Def Jam South.

The hip-hop newcomer then re-released *Incognegro* under the title *Back for the 1st Time*, quickly selling over 3 million and then following up with a sophomore hit, *Word of Mouf*, which has also gone platinum and can be found wherever music is sold.

On last Friday night at the

This entertaining rapper admits he enjoys the many perks that come along with stardom but that it can also be draining at times. But quickly realizes that this is the price one must pay when partying like a rock star. The seasoned veteran of open mic nights confessed that hopping on and off of planes can get tiresome but what makes it all worthwhile is performing



photo by Ryan Greenfeld

The fans go crazy as Ludacris takes the stage.

SHU gig, the musician performed many of his hit singles off of the *Word of Mouf* album. When asked how the title came about he explained that he had invested a lot of time and energy into this project and the 18 tracks of catchy hooks, trunk rumbling beats, with clever and comedic skits and lyrics could possibly sell very well via "word of mouth" alone.

onstage in front of an electrified crowd.

"Performing in front of a crowd just fits my personality. Like tonight after the show I'll get on a plane to Miami for *Beyond 2002*, that's just the nature of the business," says Ludacris. *Beyond 2002* is a three-day sports/music festival featuring performers like Snoop Dogg, Busta Rhymes, Slick

Rick, Doug E. Fresh and of course Ludacris also tops the bill.

At this event there will be MC battles, DJ battles, Breaker Battles, and a star-studded paintball tournament. Along the theme of MC battling when asked about the Jay-Z/ Nas controversy Ludacris had this to say, "It's just two emcees battling. That's somewhat reminiscent of the roots of hip-hop, the battle is where (hip hop) began. I just see it as exercise."

If the hit-maker of several number #1 songs views rapping as exercise, he sure worked out the crowd of people who waiting in a line that ran all the way down to J-Hill for hours. Although the wait was long and tedious people thought it was worth the wait.

Kyle Dayson, a sophomore from the Bronx had this to say about concert, "It was hot, if I had to describe the concert in one phrase, I would say it was off the heezie."

Ludacris got the concert started off right by asking, "how many people love hip-hop music," He got everybody raising their hands and bouncing in unison.

Yvette Brownridge, a senior from Bronx, NY said, "He is an excellent performer. He really knows how to work a crowd, he is so energetic."

While the life of this down south rapper is fast paced, Ludacris doesn't mind being the most in-demand rapper in the business. "I try to be versatile," he says, moments before stepping onstage where he would prove all those would-be critics

wrong who had predicted he would perform only two of his songs and then leave.

He was accompanied onstage by a new and upcoming artist, Lil' Fate, on his label, *Disturbing Tha Peace*. Although the corn rowed, pretty boy thug image has enable him to have recording cameos with Missy Elliot, Method Man, Three 6 Mafia, Ginuwine, Jagged Edge, LL Cool J, 112, Mariah Carey, and the world renown Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, however, when asked about who is currently spinning in his CD deck he replied, "Mostly the people on my label like Lil'Fate and Shawna, but my major influences as far as rap goes would have to be Run DMC, LL Cool J, 8-ball, and Too Short."

The only person I would like to work with now would probably be Dr. Dre as far as production goes," says Ludacris.

What's next for the multi-platinum selling artist? "I'm just focusing on my label, *Disturbing Tha Peace*, and I'm very happy to announce that we are coming out with a compilation album titled the *Golden Grain*, featuring Shawna, Lil Fate, Infamous 2-0, 4-IZE, and Shondrae due for released in July of 2002 under Def Jam," brags Ludacris.

Since the release of *Word of Mouf* the entire industry has gained an understanding that "pain isn't love" and can soon forget about learning "country grammar", because Ludacris is speaking an entirely different language and disturbing the peace while do so.

C'mon and take it to the beach (and the bedroom)!

By **Samantha DeVita**
Contributing Writer

There is nothing better than getting in your car, rolling down the windows, putting on a good tune and cruising your way to the beach to get that - oh so perfect- summer tan.

But, you need music right? Recently dropped on April 16, 2002, a week late, was "C'mon C'mon", Sheryl Crow's most recent album.

"It is a must for the beach this summer", Crow was quoted saying in an interview "I really went into the studio this time with the intent of making a record that felt like summer," she explains. "

"And to me summer always was that much more important

when it came to music. Music to me really becomes the soundtrack to major events in your life.

And for me, I really wanted to make the record, the kind of record that I would like to own, that I would want to go out and buy in a record store and put on in my car and drive around and feel like summer's here."

I caught a couple of the songs online, and had already seen the video for "Soak Up the Sun," and let me tell you, this is going to be a major album this summer, on the beach, and in other not so public places, if you catch my drift?

If you follow the Billboard Charts at all, "Soak up the Sun" made its 'Hotshot Debut' on the Billboard 100 upon its release.

I have to say I am a huge Sheryl Crow fan, and I was

waiting for her new album to arrive, but it was more than I expected it to be.

It is one of those CD's that you can put in the player and let it go to the end. Believe me, for me to let an entire album run its full length, it has to be good.

The general feeling of the whole CD, like Crow said, is one where you can just pop it in and get an all around great vibe going.

But, "C'mon C'mon" is not only a great fun CD, but it also doubles as a steamy, night in with your sweetie, jam session.

I took advantage of the beautiful night weather, a CD player, some candles, and well, you get the rest!

I definitely recommend this album as one to add to the 'love jams' collection we all have

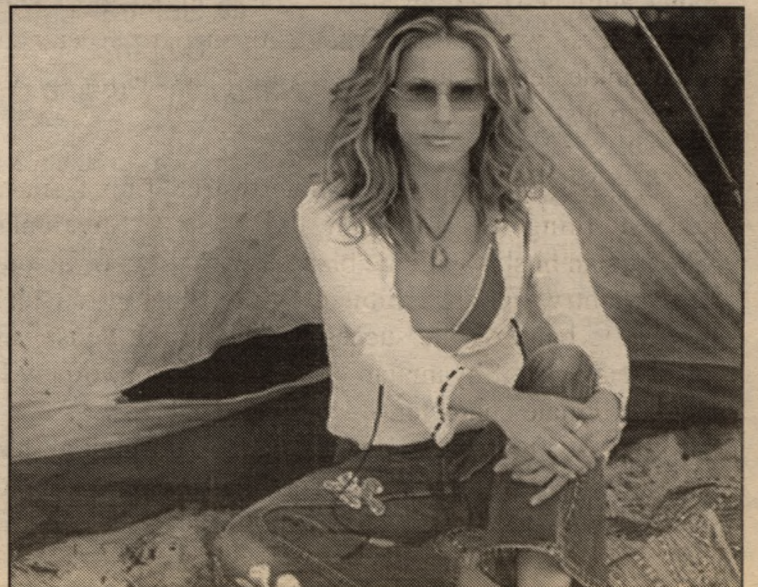
somewhere in our rooms. Don't deny it, you know you do!!

So, if you are a looking for that great album that doubles a public party or a private rendezvous session, this is one you are going to want to pick up.

If you are not sure, check MTV.com out, they have links to

let you see the videos for "Soaking Up the Sun" and "Steve McQueen", or you can just listen to the tracks yourself.

Hope to hear you driving around campus cranking up the new Sheryl Crow or even lounging on the beach!



Former NHL Star inspires SHU athletes

LaFontaine shares passion for helping children

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

Great athletes have an undeniable presence when competing within their sport. They excite fans, bringing new life to a game that has been enjoyed for centuries. A hero however, is one who not only brings life to their game, but, to those who look up to them. For it is when an athlete's equipment has been hung to dry that their presence brings the greatest hope of all.

This past Tuesday night Shaun Hanna, head coach for the Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team invited to speak to the graduating seniors, a man who has found more pride in what he has done after his professional career than during. Pat LaFontaine, former NHL star, joined the SHU seniors at Testos restaurant in Bridgeport to share with them his passion for enhancing the lives of children with terminal illnesses.

Mr. LaFontaine was "grateful for the opportunity to tell the seniors (and others) how important it is to go out and be a hero to a little boy or girl. After all is said and done your abilities should be used to do something good for others."

Coach Hanna, who is known for his involvement within the community, wanted to do something great for the hockey program, while showing his outgoing seniors just how important it is to reach out and make positive impacts. When looking into hosting a benefit that will better the SHU hockey program and inspire community outreach Pat LaFontaine's career and his work with children was an auto-

matic draw.

During the dinner Mr. LaFontaine had time to reflect on his role as a hockey player. "Hockey is a great sport and for me it is what drives me to go out and make people smile. I want people to understand that if even just one child is affected in a positive way by your presence then you have done a service.

"Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our lives that we forget that there is always someone who is hurting a little more than you. Once we realize this we are able to dedicate time to people, especially to those who are sick.

"It is not about how many goals you scored but rather about how many lives you affected," said LaFontaine

"Hockey is a sport that should never end for us as players. Hockey should live on through your contact with others," said Mr. LaFontaine.

"Players like those who play for Sacred Heart inspire me to go back and play a sport I love. You inspire me to help kids who can't leave the hospital; to give them back a life.

"It is important to remember to help yourself before you can help others and once you have helped yourself work from the inside out.

LaFontaine made a point that human beings need in the beginning, and they need in the end but also it is important to need in the middle. Never be too proud to ask for help.



From left to right: Senior Lloyd Marks, Senior Chris Mokos, Senior Captain Pete McRae, Pat LaFontaine, Senior Paul Sposito and Head Coach Shaun Hanna

Mr. LaFontaine wrapped up his remarks stressing that "when you leave the game it is not about how many goals you scored but rather about how many lives you have affected."

With the help and drive of Mr. LaFontaine's vision to make children smile, Microsoft has recently donated state-of-the-art equipment to build a room in a hospital where the walls stay blue even on a grey and rainy day. The room will have no needles nor medicine only children creating art, music and an environment where imagination finds physical expression.

Senior captain Pete McRae followed Mr. LaFontaine's talk by presenting a donation on behalf of the SHU community to the Hockey's All-Star Kids Foundation.

"It is important to see how humbling many of our heroes are. Pat's speech was heartfelt which tells a great deal about his character. Many times you find athletes get up and give a speech because that is what is expected of them. Not with Pat. All the work he does for and with chil-

dren is not an act of obligation but of compassion," said McRae.

It is a common idea, athletes giving to charities, but for Pat LaFontaine it is not about the money but about the time you spend with people one on one. Pat is a rare example of an athlete who plays a sport not because playing is his life, but because it is a way to give back to life.

Pat LaFontaine's outstanding professional hockey career spanned 15 seasons and included stints with the Buffalo Sabres, New York Islanders, and New York Rangers. After leading Team USA in scoring in the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, he embarked on a NHL career in which he scored 1074 points in 934 games and was a five-time All-Star. In 1992-93, the season in which he was named the Sabres' captain, Mr. LaFontaine scored 148 points, the highest single-season point total ever recorded by an American in the NHL. In 1995, he won the NHL's Masterson Trophy for perseverance, sports-

manship, and dedication to hockey. He was also the first active player to receive the USA Hockey Distinguished Achievement Award.

Off the ice, Mr. LaFontaine has recorded even greater accomplishments. He currently serves as the national spokesman for the NHL and NHL Players' Association's Hockey's All-Star Kids Foundation, a program which links the hockey community with the youngest victims of cancer and other diseases. Through a League-wide relationship with Children's Hospitals of Canada and the United States, Hockey's All-Star Kids includes patient visits, fund raising support, and programs to create a positive environment for patients and their families. Recently, Mr. LaFontaine authored the book *Companions in Courage: Triumphant Tales of Heroic Athletes*. The book includes stories of heroism beyond the playing fields. All proceeds from book sales will be donated to Hockey's All-Star Kids.

Sports Schedule

Women's Lacrosse

Friday
@ Quinnipiac
4:00
both teams are tied for 4th and vying for a NEC tournament bid

Sunday
HOME
Central Connecticut
1:00 pm
last conference game

Men's Lacrosse

Friday
@ Hofstra
7:00 pm.
Nationally Ranked

Sunday
HOME
Marist College
2:00 pm.

Softball

Today
@ Stony Brook
3 p.m.

Saturday
@ St. Francis
1 p.m.

Sunday
@ Robert Morris
12 p.m.

SHU
Athletics

SHU six-game winning streak ends: Vuijst had a perfect 4-for-4 performance at the plate

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On Wednesday, Fairleigh Dickinson ended Sacred Heart's six-game win streak in Northeast Conference play by capturing the second game of their softball double header, 8-3, at Pioneer Park. The Pioneers won the opener, 12-3, and put on an offensive clinic that showcased SHU's dazzling bats in a 14-hit assault. The Knights (7-13, 5-9 NEC) snapped a 3-3 tie by exploding for five runs in the seventh inning.

In the first game, third baseman Pam Vuijst (Ramsey, NJ) paced the Pioneers with a perfect 4-for-4 performance at the plate, that included a double as she drove in three runs and scored three times. Michelle Walker (Paramus, NJ) also had a double while she collected three hits in as many at bats and drove in two runs.

Freshman Lauren Lapinski (Clifton Park, NY) shut down the FDU batters from the mound, holding them to five hits and one earned run. Other stars for the Pioneers were Erin Caveney who went 2-3 at the plate and drove in three runs. Leslie Konsig joined the hit parade with a 2-3 day and two RBI to go along with it.

Men's Lacrosse

Laxmen prepare to face nationally ranked Hofstra

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Leading Drexel on the field was Junior Jason Kilpatrick (Ridley, PA) who scored a career high five goals. Freshman Sean Maloney (Mahopac, NY) joined Kilpatrick as they both combined for an impressive six of their teams eight second half goals as well as pairing up for two assists.

Possibly the only positive statistic for the Pioneers on the day, was a 14 save game for Sophomore Goalie Bryan Campo (Elmhurst, NY) who stands at about .500 for the season.

Top scorers for the Pioneers were Seniors Mike Robel (Clark, NJ) who compiled 1 goal and five assists and T.J. Hutmacher (Pearl River, NY)



Junior
Dan DeVoe

who added three goals of his own which all came in the first half. Also registering a goal each were Freshman Mid-Fielder Robert Bielawski (Commack, NY), Junior Mid-Fielder Daniel Devoe (East Rockaway, NY) and Junior Attack Chris Swier (Hicksville, NY).

The Pioneers 3-6, 1-3 (CAA) are scheduled to take on the "Nationally ranked" conference opponent Hofstra University 8-3, 4-1 (CAA) tomorrow at 7:00 pm. They will return home to Campus Field on Sunday to take on Marist College at 2:00 pm.



Senior T.J.
Hutmacher

Tennis

Pioneers in position to capture SHUs first ever tennis championship

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defeated Mersim Beskovic 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles play the team of Alex Kantarelis (Worcester, MA) and Pat Darragh (Bayport, NY) continued the strong play by defeating St. Francis Terence Chommidy and Troy Sogluizzo 8-4. SHU won all other matches by default.

Last Tuesday, at campus field, the men played host to the Saints of Siena College. While the Saints gave the Pioneers their toughest outing in the past four matches, SHU still managed to win five out of seven matches in straight sets.

In the first match junior Marjaw Kadjai (Bronx, NY) defeated Siena's Brian Onofry, 6-1, 6-4. While in the second match senior Jeff Bricker (Gilford, CT) had to dig himself out of a hole; after falling behind 0-6 in the first set

Bricker won the second set 6-4, and won an exciting tie breaker 10-8. Steven George (Lynnfield, MA) had little trouble in his match winning in straight sets 6-love.

Sophomore Patrick Darragh (Bayport, NY) defeated A.J. James in straight sets 7-5, 6-3; while his brother sophomore Ryan Darragh (Bayport, NY) found himself in a battle, after winning the first set 6-1, Ryan dropped the second set 5-7, only to bounce back with a 7-5 win in third to beat Siena's Brian Connor. Michael Marie rounded out Tuesday's singles winners with a 6-3, 6-4, win over Dustin Temple.

In doubles action the team of Onofry/Michalisin defeated SHU's Kadjai/Marie, 8-6. While the team of Bricker/P. Darragh defeated Siena's Magarik/Eames 8-6, and the tandem of George/R. Darragh defeated Connor/Erick Reuser, 8-2.

Sport Highlights

Equestrian

Equestrians Compete at zone Championship Horse Show

This past Sunday, five members of the Sacred Heart Equestrian Team traveled to Delaware Valley College to compete in the annual Zone Championship Horse Show.

Senior Carolina Kronqvist, Christina Pratt, junior Jessica Gehrlein, junior Stephanie Birnbaun and sophomore Crystal Cassetori were all invited to compete following their first or second place finishes at the Zone Three Region One Championship Horse Show.

Kronqvist, Pratt and Gehrlein all road well earning fifth, fourth and third place respectively in their individual classes.

Birnbaun and Cassetori placed first and second, respectively, in their classes earning their trips to the 2002 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The National Horse Show will be held May 2nd through May 5th at Cazenovia College.

The Zone Three Championship Horse Show is in the second of three post season competitions for intercollegiate riders. Last weekend eight members of the Sacred Heart team competed at the Zone Three Region One Championship Horse Show qualifying five riders, the highest number of any school competing, from within the region going onto the Zone Competition.

Baseball Update

Baseball strikes out Fairleigh Dickinson, 8-3 and 8-4, in double header

By Mike Di Pietro

The SHU baseball team regained its position in the Northeast Conference pennant race Wednesday, by sweeping Fairleigh Dickinson, 8-3 and 8-4 in double header action at Harbor Yard. The opening game was the completion of an April 3 contest, suspended due to darkness, in Teaneck, N.J. The Pioneers, 11-17 overall, have won four straight conference games and are now 5-7 in the NEC standings. FDU continues to struggle and stands at 3-20, 2-10 in the conference.

The game resumed with a 4-2 Sacred Heart lead in the fourth inning after Andrew Cutrone's two-run single finished off a four-run Pioneer rally in the third. The Sacred Heart bats struck early and often as play recommenced, for three runs. The Pioneers cleared the bags on a pair of walks, freshman Matt Nemeth's (Denville, NJ) RBI single and sophomore Rob Andrews' (Catskill, NY) two-run hit. Knights' First baseman Pat Geroni accounted for FDU's early runs with a two-run homer. Freshman right-hander, Rob Duell (Scotia, NY) picked up the win with four innings of one-run, three-hit relief, striking out five and walking one.

In the nightcap, sophomore lefty ace Chuck Ristano (Valley Stream, NY) continued his season long heroics on the mound, striking out eleven through eight innings. With the win, Ristano notched his second win in four decisions. Throughout the southpaw's gem, Ristano allowed five hits and four runs, one of which was unearned.

Freshman leftfielder, Joe Santacroce (Bridgeport, CT) and centerfielder Matt Lemanczyk (Rockville Centre, NY) sparked the Pioneers' 14-hit attack with three hits a piece. Lemanczyk reached yet another diamond milestone as he used his legs and cunning base running to steal his 27th and 28th bases of the season.

Prior to sweepin', FDU, the Pioneers lost a tough one to Pace University in non-league play. Mike Bohlander's grand slam home run was the start of a six-run fourth inning, powering Pace to a 12-0 win, Tuesday at Harbor Yard. Sacred Heart starter and losing pitcher, Ed Marotta (Bethpage, NY), pitched well but couldn't stop the Pace attack. Standing out for the Pioneers was freshman Andrew Cutrone (New Hyde Park, NY), who collected two of Sacred Heart's five hits on the day.



Sports



Consecutive 7-Love Matches Keep SHU Men atop NEC By: LaMar Kennedy

There is just over one week left before the start of the North East Conference tennis championships, and Head Coach Mike Guastelle's Pioneer tennis team continue to position themselves to possibly bring home the schools first ever tennis championship. With their second consecutive undefeated week, the men remain perfect at 4-0 in conference, and atop the standings.

On April 14, the Pioneers hosted conference foe St. Francis (N.Y.) at campus field; and it seems that no matter who the opponent is the outcome has remained the same as the men posted another 7-love victory. In the first match Jeff Bowers (Naugatuck, CT) defeated Terence Chommidy 6-4, in the first set, but dropped the second 3-6, only to bounce back to win the match with a 6-4 win in the final set.

Bowers had the most difficult match, while the rest of the team had relatively easy matches winning all in straight sets. In the second match sophomore Michael Marie (Bentonville, AR) defeated Troy Sogluizzo 6-1, 6-0; in the third match senior Nick Asaro (Lindenhurst, NY)

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SHU faces 4th place rival QC in battle for NEC tourney bid

By Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart Pioneers created a three game winning streak this past week as they crushed the Red Flashes of St. Francis 19-2 and squeaked by a strong St. Bonaventure program 11-9 to up their season record to 6-7 overall.

The Pioneers who are now 2-3 in the Northeast Conference and share a three way tie for 4th place are striving to qualify for the NEC tournament in the upcoming weeks.

Central Connecticut and Quinnipiac are the only two remaining conference games on

the Pioneers' schedule and the SHU Women's LAX team must win both match ups in order to qualify for the tournament.

Although Central Connecticut 2-3, 0-3 (NEC) most likely will pose no threat for the Pioneers, Quinnipiac will certainly be a different story. Quinnipiac 8-4, 2-3 (NEC) currently boasts the second best NEC season record and proved their ability to score last week as they ousted St. Francis 24-5 while setting a new school single game scoring record.

"As a team we are trying to take everything one game at a time, but I think everyone kind of has them in the back of their minds." Freshman Natalie Smith (Wantagh, NY) said about the Quinnipiac program that stands as a definite bump in the Pioneers' path to tournament

time.

Smith who plays Attack, stepped up for Sacred Heart in the St. Francis game while scoring a total of six points (3 Goals, 3 Assists) as she helped lead the Pioneers to their dominating triumph over the Red Flash.

Smith honored as NEC

"Rookie of the Week"

Smith was honored as the "Rookie of the Week" by the Northeast Conference for her impressive performance. Smith has been the only SHU Women's LAX player to receive such admirable recognition this year.

SHU Junior Michelle Bruckner (Carle Place, NY)

continues to lead the Pioneers on the field as she scored three goals in both the contests, as well as registering a solo assist against St. Francis. Bruckner currently leads the Pioneers in both, goals scored 27 and points with 31.

Assisting Bruckner to a victory over the St. Bonaventure team, which proved to be the more testing of both the contests, was standout Sophomore Mid-Fielder Jeanne Carroll (East Rockaway, NY). Carroll posted three key goals on the afternoon against a formidable St. Bonaventure defense.

"We've already gotten the toughest teams out of the picture," Carroll said regarding the Pioneers playoff hopes, "It's just a matter now of keeping focused and continuing to play how we have been." She later added.

Tomorrow SHU takes on Braves @ Quinnipiac

Both teams tied for 4th
and vying for a NEC
tournament bid

Pioneers have one last
conference game this
Sunday

The Pioneers will travel to Quinnipiac tomorrow and take them on at 4:00 pm in what will undoubtedly be a heated contest, as both teams are tied for 4th and vying for a NEC tournament bid. They will then return home on Sunday the 21st to take on the last of their conference opponents Central Connecticut at 1:00 pm on Campus Field.

Pioneers swept by Siena 6-3, 2-1

Caveney established herself as an offensive spark going 2-3 with a double and two runs batted in

By Mike Di Pietro

Siena out hit and out pitched Sacred Heart to sweep their non-league softball double header, 6-3 and 2-1, Thursday at Pioneer Park. The Saints won the opener by breaking out for five runs in the seventh inning to come back from a 2-1 deficit against losing pitcher Michele Walker. Walker threw a one run game through six strong innings of work but could not stop the eventual Siena offensive explosion. Bright spots for the Pioneers were Pam Vuijust's 3-4 performance at the plate also scoring a run and shortstop Katie Marien, who scored a run and collected a hit in each of her three at bats.

In the nightcap, Siena's Allison Clark tossed a six-hitter, out dueling the Pioneers' Stacey Garrity, who allowed just five hits while striking out six proving to be tough to beat all game. In the losing effort, Erin Caveney established herself as a spark for the SHU offense going 2-3 with a double and two runs batted in. Leslie Konsig went 1-2 and had a big RBI for the lady Pioneers along with Kim Derleth who went 2-3 and scored once.

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Dragons scorch Heart in 10-0 final half rush

By Kyle St. George

The Drexel University Dragons (Philadelphia, PA) scored ten-straight goals, including the first eight of the second half to defeat the SHU Pioneers 14-7 in a Colonial Athletic Association game at Drexel Field. The victory which was the Dragons' third consecutive and fifth in the last six games, upped their season total to 7-4, 2-1 (CAA).

The Pioneers who came out strong in the first half and were leading the Dragons 4-3 with a mere six minutes remaining in the second quarter, lost their steam as the Drexel University Dragons orchestrated an impressive 10-0 run. The run spanned the conclusion of the first half and ran deep into the second as the Pioneers were held scoreless until the game's final four minutes.

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Senior Mike Robel